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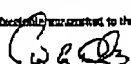
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The Patent Owner submits the accompanying PTO/SB/44 Certificate of Correction to correct several errors in the claims in the printed version of U.S. Patent No. 6,780,617 B2. Each mistake noted is the fault of the Office and is clearly disclosed in the file history, because the application as filed and subsequently amended contained none of these errors.			
The specific errors are as follows:			
1. At claim 1, line 5, the word "positional" should be replaced by the word -positioned-.			
2. At claim 2, line 2, the phrase "to content" should be replaced by the phrase -the content-			
3. At claim 7, line 1, the word "ax" should be replaced by the word -at-.			
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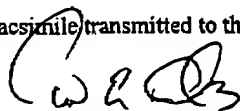
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The specific errors are as follows:

1. At claim 1, line 5, the word "positional" should be replaced by the word --positioned--.
2. At claim 2, line 2, the phrase "to content" should be replaced by the phrase --the content--.
3. At claim 7, line 1, the word "ax" should be replaced by the word --at--.

4. The following claims should be inserted after claim 49:

--50. The thermal cyclor of claim 1, wherein at least one of the first, second, and third energy transfer elements comprises a thermal energy transfer element.

51. The thermal cyclor of claim 6, wherein at least one of the first and second energy transfer elements comprises a thermal energy transfer element.

52. The thermal cyclor of claim 51, wherein the thermal energy transfer element comprises an electronic heat element.--

The omitted claims were originally added as claims 105-107 in a Rule 312 Communication filed April 26, 2004. The claims were entered and allowed by the Examiner in a Response to Rule 312 Communication dated June 18, 2004. Copies of these papers are not enclosed, as they are readily available in the Image File Wrapper for the application.

The Patent Owner respectfully requests that the Certificate of Correction be issued. Please direct any questions to the Patent Owner's Agent at telephone number 617-832-1176 or at the telephone number listed below.

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DATED : August 24, 2004

INVENTOR(S) : Chen

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent are hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 23.

Claim 1, line 5, change "positional" to --positioned--.

Column 24.

Claim 2, line 2, change "to content" to --the content--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "ax" to --at--.

Column 28.

After claim 49, insert the following claims:

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51. The thermal cyclor of claim 6, wherein at least one of the first and second energy transfer elements comprises a thermal energy transfer element.

52. The thermal cyclor of claim 51, wherein the thermal energy transfer element comprises an electronic heat element.--

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